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Sunday, January 6,

*Re: Muhammad Ali Taalib et al
Plaintiff Defendants*

Exhibit 1

CA04-131E

Arrest of witness

By ED PALATTELLA
Staff writer

A key prosecution witness has provided fodder for the defense in the homicide and arson case against Stephen E. Treiber and the witness intimidation case against Treiber's mother, Edith Treiber.

The lawyers for the Treibers said they will rely on the recent arrest of the witness, Paul Cooper, to try to stop the Erie County District Attorney's Office

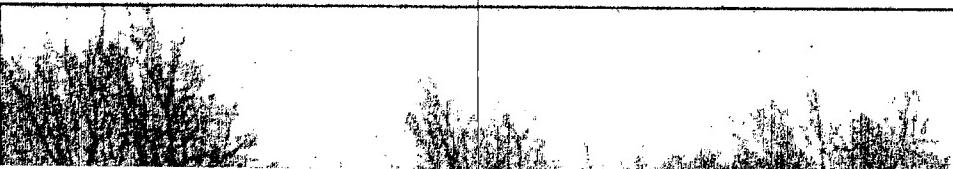
from calling Cooper to testify against the Treibers. Cooper faces charges that he broke into a house to frame a man in a drug case.

Cooper's absence would force the prosecution to dismiss six witness intimidation charges against Stephen Treiber, 32, and the entire case against Edith Treiber, 61, the lawyers said.

Stephen Treiber still would face trial on 14 other charges. He is charged with setting a fire a

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home question the legitimacy of the en-
daugh- tire case against Treiber.
"It is still a credibility issue for
elp the the jury," Lucas said.
Tim "District Attorney Brad Foulk
's attor- said he consented to Cooper's ar-
rest. "We are discussing his sta-
; Office tus at the present time with oth-
whether er members of the prosecution
ess you team," Foulk said.
id." Foulk declined comment on
Cooper how Cooper's arrest might affect
r's trial. Cooper, 51, also known as
roper to Buwlus Muhammad, was jailed

Dec. 28 on charges that he
broke into a Wallace Street
house and planted crack cocaine
to set up a man for a drug bust
in December. He said a woman
paid him \$150 in return.
Erie police charged Cooper
with burglary and tampering
with evidence after he admitted
to the burglary when he testified
for the defense at the prelimi-
nary hearing for the man ac-
cused of dealing drugs, accord-

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Locates Treiber cases

Exhibit 2

Re: Buwalis S. Muhammad
via Brad Foulk, defendant's ad-

Submited by 6/23/05
Buwalis S. Muhammad
Def. At.

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records.

is been a paid informant for the FBI in at least six of the Treiber cases, he planned to use him to inspire to hire him to be a witness against Treiber.

Speaking of the burglary case, Cooper said he testified he had no idea that cocaine was in the bag a woman gave him to plant in the house. He said the police cannot substantiate the charges that he burglarized the house to set up the man. He said as not involved in Treiber's arrest on false arson charges.

Later charged Treiber with six witness. Edith Tyshun Taylor, who is facing silence the witness. Treiber's lawyer, John d he would lobby ll Cooper from her

credibility. That is dealing with evidence. That case is locked." Speaking of the burglary case, Cooper said he testified he had no idea that cocaine was in the bag a woman gave him to plant in the house. He said the police cannot substantiate the charges that he burglarized the house to set up the man. He said the charges are false.

"The reason the charges are false is I failed to prove them with my own testimony," Cooper said.

Cooper was asked whether he was telling the truth when he testified that he set up the man, Tyshun Taylor, who is facing drug charges.

"It is something the district attorney and I need to talk over," Cooper said.

Foulk said he was present when Cooper testified about the burglary. He said Cooper's arrest was justified.

"When I am made aware that id his arrest in the

Cooper testified at a June preliminary hearing that Stephen Treiber approached him at the Erie County Prison in April about preventing a prosecution witness from testifying. Treiber said "he wanted the guilty totally taken out as soon as possible." Cooper testified with the prosecution by wearing a hidden microphone and meeting with Edith Treiber in a parking lot at Presque Isle State Park in April, after Cooper had been released from prison. Cooper testified that Edith Treiber gave him \$60 to cover "initial expenses," and that she gave him a picture of the prosecution witness, James R. Pianta.

The Treibers are scheduled to go to trial separately later this year. Stephen Treiber could face the death penalty if convicted of first-degree murder. Stephen Treiber remains in

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Via

Brad York, et al.

Defendants

In the United States Dist.
Court for the western dist.
of Pa.

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